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Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed in this envelope are comments by the Edgewood Senior High School Student Council in GC Docket No. 97-143. Please date stamp and sign the enclosed postage-paid postcard and return it via U.S. mail. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Stephen Michael Kellat

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Regulatory Affairs Committee Chairman

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Amendment of Part 0 of the)
Commission's Rules to) GC Docket No. 97-143
Implement the Electronic)
Freedom of Information Act)
Amendments of 1996)

COMMENTS OF EDGEWOOD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

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I. SUMMARY

1. We concur in most part with the commission's proposals in this proceeding. We request clarification of the exact method for sending Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") requests electronically to the commission because no method is stated in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("NPRM"). We believe that more Office of Public Affairs materials, such as the Reference Operations Division list of rulemaking petitions filed ("RM List"), will assist the public greatly. We also believe that a gateway between the Records Imaging and Processing System ("RIPS") and the Internet would also greatly assist the public.

II. INTRODUCTION

2. The Edgewood Senior High School Student Council, on behalf of the student body numbering 685 students, does submit its comments in this proceeding. This response was prepared by the Regulatory Affairs Committee of this council. The members of this committee are Stephen Kellat, Committee Chairman; Joe Donatone, Committee Vice-Chairman; Michelle Falcione, Andrea Cozza, and Kym Nicholas. Assisting with the proofreading of our work was junior Jimmy Howell.

III. REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

3. We request the commission state what means are envisioned for requests to be submitted electronically. The NPRM does not state methods planned to be used. Does the commission envision a system similar to the Quick Start system or will the commission only accept requests sent to a specific e-mail address?

4. The commission currently can receive FOIA requests via the United States Mail, hand delivery, or by electronic mail at <foia@fcc.gov>. The commission does not state in the NPRM where requests filed electronically after the conclusion of this proceeding are to be submitted. A simple statement by the commission as an erratum would be appreciated.

5. In conclusion of this request, we recognize that the commission did not state exactly where electronic requests are to be submitted. We request that the commission respond and clarify this issue.

IV. COMMENTS

6. The student body of Edgewood believes that all changes proposed are within the public interest, convenience, and necessity. They wish that the changes be introduced as soon as possible.

7. It is the opinion of this council that it would be extremely helpful if materials like the RM List be placed on the commission's web site in a manner similar to that used for the Daily Digest. We request that such actions be taken if they are cost-effective and manpower efficient.

8. We also request that a gateway between RIPS and the commission's Internet site be established to allow the public even greater access to information. Such action would allow members of the public to view comments filed in proceedings that normally have to be requested from the copy contractor. Such an action is within the public interest.

V. CONCLUSION

9. For the reasons detailed, clarification is requested on the issue of the location to which electronic requests must be submitted.

10. We request that the commission implement all proposed changes and consider the requests described within paragraphs 7-8.

Respectfully submitted,

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By Its Regulatory Affairs Committee
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that copies of the foregoing Comments of Edgewood Senior High School Student Council have been sent by priority class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on July 21, 1997, to the persons listed on the service list below.

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